

Spring 2010

TRI-LAKES BIRCHBARK



President's Letter

We all need to pray for rain. Although it seemed like we had a fair amount of snow this winter the fact is that we fell short of the normal snowfall and had then had a dry March. There are many things that make our wonderful neighborhood special but most of us do like to enjoy the use of our three lakes. With the current water level being what it is this will not be one of the better summers for boating, fishing, water skiing, cruising and swimming.

We had a small turn out for our annual meeting in February as the weather did not cooperate with us and a number people chose not to venture out in the cold. We introduced our new website and thanks to Shaun Collier we are now able to keep the information contained here current. Those that did attend enjoyed the support of the Washington County Sheriff Hutton. Everyone was pleased that we now have a deputy stationed at Lake Elmo City Hall. This provides immediate response to a call from the Tri-Lakes part of the city. We also heard from our Fire Chief Greg Malmquist. He asked for new volunteers and I understand we have some residents who have responded.

Mayor Dean Johnson introduced our local state representative Julie Bunn so she could answer questions regarding the Jamaca Avenue Landfill/Dump.

The weather did cooperate for the Easter Candy Hunt. Rain was predicted but it was sunny and reasonably warm. We had a great number of children participate and the Easter Bunny was in excellent form. A special

thanks to Jackie Peterson and her family for doing another great job with this program. Jackie has asked that we find a new chair for this event for next year so please let me know if you would be willing to serve as the person in charge.

Charlie Schulz and Marcia Anderson had everything ready for Adopt-a-Highway spring clean up on April 29th. Neighbors pitched in and made Olson Lake Trail/Ideal Avenue look great again this year. Leanne Barry continues to do a great job coordinating the Diners Club, Dave and Mary Johnson are all getting ready for the swimming lessons, Bob Meier has done another great job in finding a wonderful product for the tree give away on May 1st, John Hammerly, Joe Kiesling and Jim Carpenter continue to finalize their plans for Tri-Lakes Days, Marcia Anderson and Deb Meier continue to do a great job welcoming our new neighbors and Carol Schwinghammer continues to make this newsletter look professional. I was extremely excited as a new resident to our neighborhood when we moved here seven years ago and this was mainly due to the fact that I could see people were willing to volunteer their time and talent to make our community a better place to live. I am proud to be part of this group.

~ Bob Van Zandt

Inside this issue:

President's Letter	1
Tree Giveaway	2
New Neighbors	2
Historical Homes Display	3
Adopt A Highway	3
Easter Egg Hunt Photos	4
Swimming Sign-Up Form	4
Swimming Lessons	5

Attention Birchbark Contributors

The deadline for the fall Birchbark is August 31. Please mark your calendars.

Thanks!



Tri-Lakes Tree Give Away

The Tri Lakes Tree giveaway was held on Saturday May 1st. We would like to thank Charlie and Liz Brady for hosting this event once again this year. Their help and hospitality as well everyone else who assisted with the event made the day a success. Though the attendance was light, those that participated received a wonderful Red Osier Dogwood.

We have about 30 dogwoods left from the tree give away to be sold on a first come first serve basis (or if you were not able to make the event and have paid your dues for the year you can pick up your free tree as well)

The price is 1 for \$4.00 or 3 for \$10. Please contact Bob Meier at bmeier5609@comcast.net or leave a message at 651-773-5609 and we can set up a time for pickup.

The Red Osier Dogwood (*Cornus sericea* 'Allemans') is an attractive plant almost year round. In the winter it is known for its flaming red bark and in the spring and summer for it's light foliage that flickers in the wind. Fall foliage is golden to reddish on red stems. The small flowers are in large clusters of frothy white. The berries are pale with a touch of blue.

For best gardening effect these need to be pruned to an inch above ground in the early spring as the red begins to darken and just before new buds begin to appear. They will form thickets which birds love. If left unpruned they will grow to 15 feet, but they make a fine screen in summer.

We are already preparing for next year's event. If you have any suggestions or want to help please contact Bob as well.

NEW NEIGHBORS

Jeff & Shana Corbo & family
8860 42nd Street North

Reed Hermanson & Justine Cary & Family
9357 Jane Court

Dave & Janet Lindgren & family
8030 59th Street North

Hans & Jasmine Sundgaard & family
9333 55th Street North



In Memoriam...

Ralph Oace, one of the original developers of land in the Tri-Lakes area of Lake Elmo, passed away April 24, 2009 at 94 years of age. Mr. Oace was born on April 13, 1915. In the early 1950s (1952 or 1953), he purchased land in what is now considered the Tri-Lakes area. One of his primary objectives as the land was being developed for single family homes was to keep this area natural; hence, the larger lots and rural feeling that we still enjoy today. Mrs. Anna Mari Oace, his surviving wife, lives at 10660 SW North Dakota Street, Portland, OR 97223-4241, if you are interested in sending a card or letter expressing your condolences.

Information contributed by Mrs. Eleanor Skoog

HISTORICAL HOMES DISPLAY

Saturday, August 22, 2010

View historical houses in the Tri-Lakes area dating back to the early 1900's this summer!

The Gustav Olson Victorian farmhouse pictured below was built in 1898 by Gustav Olson and his family. The home is currently owned by Jeffrey Sovereign, Gustav Olson's great-grandson. In addition to the five outside historical decorative areas, there are many historical features inside the home, including displays of historical photos and records of the Olson Victorian Farmhouse's early 1900s dance hall, fishing boat rentals and public picnics. In the Olson Victorian farmhouse you can also view displays of two other Tri-Lakes area historical homes: the Brady house and the Demontreville Jesuits Retreat house. The Brady house was a farmhouse built in 1910—this year is its 100th anniversary. The Demontreville Jesuit Retreat house was the Waldorf estate and has three houses built between 1918 and 1920.



The Olson Victorian Farmhouse at 4405 Olson Lake Trail North in Lake Elmo, Minnesota will be open for public viewing on the afternoon of August 22, along with displays of the Brady house and Jesuit Retreat house.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 22 to see these interesting and enjoyable houses in the Tri-Lakes area.

ADOPT A HIGHWAY

Thanks to all you wonderful neighbors that help clean up our road and make it beautiful again.



See you all in the fall!

September 23, 2010

6:00 pm

RAIN OR SHINE

Marcia and Charlie's
4709 Olson Lake Trail
952-930-3877

P.S. Everyone is welcome to join us—the more the merrier, and the quicker we all get done!

Thanks again, Marcia and Charlie (and all Tri-Lakes Residents)

Easter Egg & Candy Hunt



"We had a great number of children participate and the Easter Bunny was in excellent form."

SWIMMING LESSONS REGISTRATION FORM

How to register: scan or email to lakejaner@aol.com

OR mail to 9287 Jane Road North/Lake Elmo MN 55042-9514

Name of swimmer(s): _____

Age(s): _____ Level(s): _____

Address: _____

Parents' names: _____

Eaddress: _____

Home/cell phone: _____

Swimming

DON'T MISS SWIMMING LESSONS THIS SUMMER!

Enroll in this year's annual Tri-Lakes Association tradition of having swimming lessons on our lakes. Give your children or grandchildren something to remember all their lives – learning to swim right here on Lake Jane! Come and socialize with your neighbors while watching the lessons. The final day is the annual pot luck!

Dates: Monday thru Friday – July 12 thru 23

Location: David and Mary Johnson's beach at 9287 Jane Road North

Times: If you are unsure what level your child is at, come before the level you think will work, and our instructor will fit them in and adjust, if necessary, from there.

Beginners: 10:00 – 10:30

Level 1: 10:30 – 11:15 **Level 2:** 11:15 – 12:00

Level 3: 12:00 – 12:45 **Level 4:** 1:15 – 2:00

Level 5: 2:00 – 2:45 **Levels 6:** 2:45 – 3:30

GuardStart: 3:30 – 4:15

\$25 for Tri-Lakes Association Members/\$35 for non-Members

For more information, call 651-779-7371 or lakejaner@aol.com

See last page of Birchbark for registration form.





**TRI-LAKES IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION**

*"Actively bringing Tri-Lakes
residents together to protect,
improve, and promote our
community."*

*c/o Carol Schwinghammer
5060 Jamaca Avenue North
Lake Elmo, MN 55042*

STD MAIL
US POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT NO 17
LAKE ELMO, MN



New Directory ~ Help Wanted

We are in the process of updating the directory for the Tri-Lakes area and need your help. We need about 30 people who would be willing to call 20 neighbors to verify that we have the correct name, address, phone number and email information for the book.

If you are willing to help with this project, please email Bob Van Zandt at bob@vzdist.com and he will get a list to you later this month. If enough people volunteer we can get this done quickly.

Attention: We would like to discontinue mailing the Birchbark to those members who would be willing to receive it on the website and therefore reduce the cost of printing and mailing each addition to everyone. We are in the process of putting the member application on the website and may even have a way that dues can be paid electronically. If you would be willing to accept future editions of this publication via email please let us know by sending an email to birchbark-

2010 Tri-Lakes Upcoming Events

June 19	Diner's Club—Kathy & Greg Lohmer's House
July 12-23	Swimming Lessons
August 22	Historical Homes Display
August 31	Deadline for Birchbark Articles
September 23	Adopt A Highway